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Reward Offered For Capture of Adams Express Agent.

ORRVILLE, O., March 9.—The night agent of the Adams Express company at this place has absconded, taking with him an express package containing \$10,000. This package of money was sent by a Cleveland bank to a bank in Akron, but as the train on the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus railroad on Saturday night is what is called the theater train and runs three hours late, leaving Cleveland at 11:30 p. m., there was no express agent at the Akron office, and the package was carried through to this place.

On Monday the day agent here received a message asking information concerning this package of money and what had become of it. He immediately informed them that he knew nothing of it, that there was no record of it being received here on the books, and also that the night agent, Charles Cutten, was missing, and up to this time his whereabouts was unknown.

The matter has thus far been suppressed on account of an official investigation. Cutten resided here for several years, and his character was thought to be above reproach. The company has offered a reward for his capture.

Reformers Win in Canfield.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 9.—Many arrests were made here yesterday during the elections for fighting and attempted repeating at the polls. The result of the voting was a victory for the committee of one hundred, the Republicans carrying only two wards, the Seventh and Eighth. The reformers elect Cooper B. Hatch mayor by nearly 1,600 plurality and Joseph Nowery to be recorder. They also get eight out of ten councilmen elected, giving them control of the council by a vote of 12 to 7.

Ammunition Wanted Quickly.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The United States Projectile company of Brooklyn has received an order from headquarters at Washington for the immediate delivery of \$25,000 worth of armor piercing projectiles. An extra force of men has been engaged and work will be continued night and day until the order is filled.

Carloads of Powder Shipped.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 9.—It has been learned that 12 carloads of powder were shipped from the Hazardville Powder mills at Hazardville, Conn., last week on a government order. The mills are running night and day, but the officials deny that they are running on government orders.

General Wilson at Key West.

KEY WEST, March 9.—Brigadier General John M. Wilson, chief of engineers, U. S. A., has arrived here from Tampa on board the *Olivette*. It is presumed that the object of General Wilson in visiting this part of the country is to inspect the fortifications.

Mrs. Bowen Wants Freedom.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 9.—Mrs. Alice M. Bowen, a daughter of the late William F. Swords of Bridgeport, has commenced an action in New York for absolute divorce from John W. Bowen. She names several Bridgeport women as co-respondents.

NONE VOTED NAY.

House Agrees Unanimously on the Cannon Bill For Defense.

\$50,000,000 TO M'KINLEY

Fifty-nine Speeches Made Amid Great Enthusiasm.

HISSES GREET BINGHAM'S SPEECH.

He Said That Our Relations With Spain Were as Friendly as They Had Been For Years—An Important Cabinet Meeting Held.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—In a spirit of patriotism, with eloquent words ringing in their ears, every member of the house of representatives yesterday responded to the president's first call to meet the Spanish situation by casting his vote for a bill placing in President McKinley's hands \$50,000,000 to be expended at his discretion for the national defense. Party lines were swept away, and with a unanimous voice congress voted its confidence in the administration.

Many members who were paired with absent colleagues took the responsibility of breaking their pairs, an unprecedented thing in legislative annals, in order that they might go on record in support of this vast appropriation to maintain the dignity and honor of their country. Speaker Reed, who, as the presiding officer, seldom votes only in case of a tie, had his name called and voted in his capacity as a representative.

The scene of enthusiasm which greeted the announcement of the vote—aye 311, nays none—has seldom been paralleled in the house. All day long the galleries were jammed with enthusiastic spectators applauding to the echo the stirring patriotism of the words of eloquence which were uttered by the members on the floor. All the speeches were brief. Altogether four hours were allowed for debate. So great was the pressure for time that no one member was given more than five minutes, and most of them had to content themselves with a beggarly fraction of a minute. In all 59 speeches were made.

With one acclaim members from the north and the south, the east and the west, the states and the territories, battle-scarred veterans of the Union and the Confederate armies, all joined in proclaiming their support of the country's chief magistrate in the face of a possible foreign war. General Grosvenor of Ohio said that if war did not come the \$50,000,000 appropriated by this bill would be wisely expended if it only served to show the world that when threatened from without the hearts of the American people beat as one.

On the whole, there was only a slight discordant note caused by the speech of General Bingham of Pennsylvania, a gallant soldier who served with distinction under Hancock. He spoke too conservatively for the aroused temper of the house, and when he insisted that our relations with Spain were as friendly as they had been for years many of the members hissed him. While almost every member who spoke deprecated the possibility of war, a wide divergence of opinion as to how close were hostilities manifested itself in the debate.

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General Henderson closed the discussion on the Republican side. He said the lesson taught by the proceedings was a beautiful one, that reflected the highest honor on the American people through their representatives. With a voice trembling with emotion he declared:

"Mr. Speaker, it does our hearts good to see our people united and standing shoulder to shoulder in the face of danger. This measure is a wise and prudent one, but there will be no war. That is my judgment."

Mr. Dollyer said:

"Let us this day, laying aside all the differences of party politics, give to the president of the United States, not in a bare and menger, but in the spirit of the broadest patriotism this earnest of the national confidence. It cannot endanger the cause of peace to have the world understand that our solemn purpose of avoiding as far as possible the internal horrors of war does not involve any inclination to spare without blood or treachery in the protection of

the national rights or in the discharge of national duties."

Mr. Bailey closed the debate for the Democratic side in a five minute speech, breathing the highest patriotism and loyalty to the flag. He expressed the fear that it was too late to look for peace, and, while he would hate to see the country plunged into war, he was afraid the crisis was at hand.

The bill was immediately taken to the senate and referred to the committee on appropriations.

The cabinet was in session for two and a half hours and the Spanish situation was discussed from all points. The unanimous opinion of the cabinet is that the appropriation of \$50,000,000 by congress and the consequent extensive preparation for war made thereby mean peace. The cabinet believes that this activity of the United States in meeting all contingencies of expected emergencies will serve as a notice to Spain and all Europe that the United States is in earnest. If Spain determines to inaugurate war now, in the face of certain and disastrous defeat, it would be simply suicide.

All the president's advisers concurred in the belief that the Madrid ministry will pause and deliberate well before inviting overwhelming and sure national humiliation. The president asked Secretary Alger to give him and his associates a minute account of the army. Mr. Alger indicated the strength and location of every army post; the condition of seacoast defenses; the amount of ammunition on hand and where it is stored; the present and prospective outstanding contracts; the condition of the small arm and torpedo service; in fact, a minute, technical and detailed statement of the army.

The plans for the purchase of warships are now well advanced, and Secretary Long was able to lay before the cabinet the steps that had been taken. The ships in view are nine in number. Two of them are building at French shipyards, three in Germany, two in England and two in America.

These are large ships and do not include torpedo boats. Of the latter class several are in view, including one offered by Mr. William R. Grace of New York. Mr. Grace had the design made for a South American republic, but in view of present conditions he informed Secretary Long that he could have the craft. She is designed to be faster than any torpedo boat afloat, making the phenomenal speed of 42 miles an hour.

The two ships in American shipyards are those building for the Japanese government—one at Cramps' and the other at San Francisco. The negotiations are progressing, and it is expected that the Japanese government will help rather than retard their acquisition by the United States if it is decided to take them.

CAN SELL SHIPS.

Neutral Nations Need Not Refrain from So Doing Even Though Hostilities Have Begun.

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a vessel in any other state, although it may be convertible into a ship of war."

A good deal is being accomplished in the way of preparation in both the navy and war departments. A conference at the navy department looked into the procurement of a suitable store of ammunition, coal and supplies, touched upon the question of drydocks and generally considered a number of other matters connected with the operation of a warship. The war department was not behind the navy. General Flagler, chief of ordnance, is very busy reaching out in every direction by means of the telegraph and the mail to learn just how far the resources of the big private manufacturing concerns can be relied on to come to the aid of the war department in arming and equipping a volunteer army should one be found necessary. He will not tell what he is doing in this direction, holding that it is not wise to make everybody acquainted with either our strong or our weak points. General Miles is looking after the personnel closely and yesterday was trying hard to perfect the organization of the two new regiments of artillery which congress has granted. The officers must be nominated to congress, and the commissions are only waiting on the forms. Meanwhile, beyond the statement that the two senior Lieutenant colonels of the existing artillery regiments will be made colonels of the two new regiments, the names of the officers are withheld.

The president has signed the Hawley bill providing for two additional regiments of artillery to man the coast defenses.

Three weeks ago last night the Maine was blown up. As it was last week at this time, so it is now—nothing is known officially as to the cause of the disaster. The court is hard at work.

That is all that is known at the navy department. It is not even known when it may be expected to finish its work. But the importance of its report does not diminish in the slightest degree by the lapse of time, and in the midst of diversions caused by more recent happenings the more thoughtful officials have not lost sight of the fact that when the report of the court of inquiry comes to the navy department in the hands of some trusty naval officer, probably Lieutenant Commander Marx himself, the judge advocate of the court, the government may be faced with another and vital issue.

Senor du Bois called at the state department late in the day and had a half hour's conference with Judge Day. He brought no dispatches, and the talk did not relate to the present strained condition of affairs, but was an informal discussion of the condition of affairs in Cuba. In the course of the visit it is understood that Senor du Bois suggested that some of the newspaper correspondents at Havana were trespassing on the privileges which the Havana authorities had accorded them.

The new Spanish minister, Senor Polo Madriz, will arrive in New York to-day on the German line steamer. He is expected at the legation tomorrow, and arrangements will then be made for the presentation of his credentials to President McKinley. There will be the usual exchange of felicitations, which will be more than passing interest. Senor Polo Madriz before the recent critical juncture was reached, and at the time of his departure the new commercial treaties were uppermost in the interest of the Madrid authorities.

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WILD FOR WAR.

Havana Spaniards to Give Theatrical Performance to Raise Funds.

LYONS, N. Y., March 9.—In the village election yesterday afternoon the Democrats made a clean sweep, electing the president, three trustees, the assessor, collector and treasurer. It makes the twenty-third successive year the Democrats have carried the place. Eleven hundred and twenty-six votes were polled.

Russia Charters French Steamers.

LONDON, March 9.—A dispatch to the Times from Odessa says: "Troops and war material are going to the far east with such haste that the Russian volunteer fleet will not suffice. The government, therefore, has chartered some French steamers, the first of which will start a fortnight hence with 2,000 men."

Hartford Man Kills Himself.

HYANNIS, Mass., March 9.—Charles Barlow, a summer resident of this place, committed suicide yesterday afternoon. He had been somewhat despondent for some time because of failing health and the thought of leaving Hyannis for his home in Hartford, which was to occur today.

Wife Slays Zimmerman Dead.

BUFFALO, March 9.—Chester Zimmerman, the wealthy Kenmore farmer who shot and killed his wife a week ago, died from the effects of self-inflicted wounds yesterday. After killing his wife Zimmerman shot himself through the body and took poison.

Here's a Pretty Bill.

OTTAWA, March 9.—James McMillen, M. P., has given notice of a bill which provides that only British subjects can hold mining properties in Canada, and they must have been resident in Canada at least 12 months prior to the recording of their claims.

Prison For the Bank King.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 9.—George Spencer, alias John Reed, of Plainfield, N. J., has been sentenced to a term of not less than four nor more than five years in the state prison for swindling S. B. Hardy of Framingham.

Is the Ellsworth Bill Dead?

ALBANY, March 9.—The Ellsworth bill, which was on the calendar in the senate yesterday, was not called up. The probabilities are that it will never be called up.

A CRISIS IN ENGLAND

Anxiety Felt Over the Grave Eastern Situation.

QUEEN VICTORIA TAKES ACTION.

False Rumor of Illness Given Out to Hide the Fact That She Postponed Her Trip South to Consult Her Ministers.

LONDON, March 9.—European diplomats regard the international situation in the old world at the present moment as far more serious and critical than that between the United States and Spain. There is no longer much doubt that Great Britain's declaration that she would go to war rather than be deprived of the markets of the far east or to suffer the dismemberment of the Chinese empire will soon be put to the test.

Both Russia and France are apparently determined to disregard or treat as a mere bluff the recent British assertion of limits beyond which England would not allow her rivals to trespass on her prestige. These limits have now been reached and overstepped both in China and west Africa, and Europe is waiting to know what Great Britain's answer will be.

Two years ago, in the less serious crisis, it was the sudden equipment of a flying squadron. It will require something more formidable than that to check the aggression of Britain's rivals today, but first there is ample evidence that England is exhausting every honorable resource for peace.

The queen's personal desire in this respect is well known. Indeed, there is some reason to believe that the rival powers are taking advantage of this fact. Queen Victoria never ventures to interfere personally in Great Britain's foreign relations unless war is practically in sight.

She has done so now. She sent for the French

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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

Among the notaries public appointed in Dutchess county is Wladyslaw J. Pralatowski, of Matteawan. An act should be passed allowing him to charge a special sum of fees for taking oaths and acknowledgments, and performing other official acts. There is no equity in allowing the man who has only to sign J. Smith to a jurat to collect the same fee as the man who wears out a pen every time he signs himself Wladyslaw J. Pralatowski.

Fight seems to be in in the air. Whether it has its inception in the present international disturbance or not, is, one of those things no fellow can find out, but the fact remains that nearly everybody is ready to fight somebody or something at the drop of the hat. The latest "scrap" occurred at East Main street and Academy avenue, Tuesday night, and two boys were the combatants. A crowd stood about for sometime, watching the disturbance without interfering. One of the fighters was finally whipped and the crowd departed.

Speaking about fighting, "Sam" Beaseley looked over the "scare head" on the first page of one of the New York papers a day or two ago at the Erie baggage room, and told the usual gatherers there, with great emphasis, that he was ready for war.

"I want to fight," said he, "Bring on your Spaniards and let's get at 'em. I want war! war!!"

"You're too old to fight, Sam," said a bystander.

"No, no, Honey; de old fiddle plays de best."

The fine weather brings out enough ride-stealers on the Erie freight trains, nowadays, to give the local O. and W. detectives heart failure. There were seven well-dressed young men on one Erie east bound train, Tuesday afternoon, and a railroad man counted fourteen on one train, Sunday afternoon.

The patients at the State Hospital have five kinds of bread a day and Chief Baker Adolf Schillinger has a lively time keeping the ovens full. He is constantly experimenting with new mixtures of flour and his latest combination of Indian meal and rye flour makes a bread which meets the approval of all those who have partaken of it.

The housekeeper who finds bread mixing a trial should accompany Dr. Talcott to the hospital bakery when the dough is being mixed. She would see two barrels and half of flour emptied into a dough-mixer and mixed in seven minutes. This dough-mixer is a large tub in which is machinery combining the centripetal and centrifugal motions. The absolute cleanliness of the machinery and the whole bake shop makes one hesitate to step inside without donning the baker's snowy garb.

King and Centre streets, since the paving has been cleared, have become popular play grounds for the children. There are no car tracks to add danger and few wagons to be seen on Centre street. Bicycles, marbles, hockey, tag—all of the popular games of the present day, are enjoyed there by both sexes, and their merry shouts may be heard from 3 until 6 each afternoon.

The pug dog, which the big St. Bernard "Dan" attacked on King street is not dead, as was reported to this office, Tuesday. He is watched over by his owner, a six-year-old daughter of Fred Miles, who devotes her entire time to his comfort. It is hoped that his life can be saved.

The removal of "Dan" to another field of destructiveness meets with the approval of many who have taken the trouble to express themselves.

Lecture, Gymnastic Exhibition and Informal Reception at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

At the Y. M. C. A. rooms, to-morrow evening, there will be no supper, no admission at the door, no collection.

An address will be delivered by Dr. D. B. Hardenburgh on "Physical Culture from a Medical Standpoint," a gymnastic exhibition will be given by the senior class, and an informal reception will be held, to which the public in general will be cordially welcomed.

Gorton's Minstrels, To-night.

Gorton's New Orleans Minstrels, who will appear at the Casino, to-night, promise large, diversified and old time minstrelsy entertainment in a bright, up-to-date continuous performance of nearly three hours. A good house is a sure thing, and those who wish to avoid the rush at the ticket office can secure seats up to 7 p. m. at Dusenberry & Son's.

Bids Will Be Opened, To-morrow.

The bids for furnishing the meats and milk for the State Hospital will be opened, to-morrow afternoon.

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BOSS BURIES SCHULTZ'S BILLS.

A Special Message on All His Measures
—Only One Bill Out of Committee.
Albany Correspondence Newburgh Register.
They don't intend to let me pass any bills," says Assemblyman Daniel P. Schultz, and the facts warrant his belief. In addition to the general boycott on all Democrats, Schultz is unquestionably the victim of particular orders from the Republican boss to kill the bills. His highway law and the Port Jervis Normal School bill are dead in committee. The bill in regard to land-locked salmon will pass, but it will be Lexow's, not Schultz's. The county clerk's and sheriff's salary bills are tied up in committee, on the pretext of desired hearings, but nobody believes they will ever emerge. The only bill of Schultz's which has escaped from committee is the Middletown charter bill, which is on second reading in the Assembly. His school commissioners' bill is dead; his James Cassidy claim bill may pass; the bill repealing the Lexow town meeting law of 1897, which was recently introduced, will not be let out of committee.

Contrast with this the status of Assemblyman Goodsell's bills. The following are either laws already or in the Governor's hands: Murderer's Creek bridge, Cornwall water supply, Newburgh general charter amendments, Cochecon turnpike, Newburgh sewer, Walton Hose Company, and the one prohibiting the taking of black bass in Orange Lake during certain hours. Goodsell's bill as to killing hares, rabbits, etc., is covered by a bill of Teneyck, of Oneonta, and will not be pushed. His county insane asylum bill is on second reading in the Assembly, and the town meetings bill has passed to second reading in the Assembly.

Mr. Goodsell will introduce an amendment to Bedell's famous road bill of 1897, leaving this matter in the hands of the local authorities.

Warwick Valley Light and Power Co. Incorporated.

The Warwick Valley Light and Power Company was incorporated with the Secretary of State, Monday. It will operate in the towns of Warwick and Chester, Orange county. Capital \$25,000 and the directors are: George Whitman, of Morris, Otsego county, and Frank Barber and Helen Barber, of Liberty, Sullivan county.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Some People We Know and We Will Profit by Hearing About Them.

This is a purely local event. It took place in Middletown. Not in Buffalo or New York. You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word. To confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home, that obtains resident advocates, is more worthy of confidence than a far-off foreign article. Testified by unknown people. A. M. Ryerson, professional nurse, living at No. 7 Oak street, says:

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Fair to-night and Thursday; increasing cloudiness.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:

A. m. 36°; 12 m. 68°; 3 p. m. 67°.

Among the minor horrors of the Maine disaster was the flood of so-called poetry that let loose on the country; and as a crisis with Spain seems to be drawing near, the "patriotic" verses with which the newspapers seem are calculated to impress upon us the unconsidered blessings of peace.

Senator Duley, of the Dutchess-Columbia district, has introduced an amendment to the constitution providing for an additional Justice of the Supreme Court in this district, to be selected from among the lawyers of Dutchess county.

For forty years Dutchess county had a resident Supreme Court Judge and Judge Barnard's days of service being nearly over, it does not propose to give up a good thing even if it is necessary to graft an exerecise on the State constitution in order to retain it.

Every member of the House of Representatives, who was present, voted, Tuesday afternoon, for the resolution appropriating \$50,000,000 for national defence. Never before in the history of this country was such unanimity of sentiment shown in Congress in support of a similar measure. The moral effect abroad of such an obliteration of party and sectional lines and such united determination to uphold the national honor cannot be overestimated. It is noice to Spain that this country is thoroughly aroused, and that if war comes millions of money and hundreds of thousands of men will be placed, if necessary, at the disposal of the government.

If any country has battleships to sell the United States stands ready to buy them at almost any price. Secretary Long proposes to spend \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 of the \$50,000,000 emergency appropriation in strengthening our navy by the addition of the most formidable warships that can be bought. Negotiations are already underway with the Japanese government for the two ships being built for it at Philadelphia and San Francisco, and it is believed that several modern ships can be secured from Brazil and the Argentine Republic. This much is certain, that so long as American money can talk Spain will be able to buy no warships in any English or European shipyards.

The Democrats won some notable victories in the charter elections held in the villages of this State, Tuesday. In Cortland, with independent Republican help, they elected their candidate for President of the village by 429 majority, and all their other candidates except one trustee. They carried the day at Lyons and at Clyde, the home of ex-Lieut. Governor Saxton, for the first time in its history, went solidly Democratic. In the municipal and borough elections held in New Jersey the Democrats also did well, the most notable victory being in Camden, a Republican stronghold, which the Democrats and reform Republicans carried by 1,500 majority, making a clean sweep of the city and electing eight out of ten members of the Council.

FREE MASON'S IN THE ASSEMBLY
From the Albany Argus.

It is said that there are just seventy-eight Free Masons in the Assembly, and thus, should they vote solidly together to pass any measure, it would have to go through. As a matter of fact they never do vote the same way, unless it is on a proposition of the unanimous consent variety.

The season for Land-locked Salmon.

The Assembly passed, Tuesday, Senator Lexow's bill making the open season for land-locked salmon in Dutchess, Sullivan, Orange, Rockland, Putnam, Westchester and Richmond counties from April 1 to June 30.

Going Back on the Frat Line.

Ed. Osterhout, for a long time one of the Traction Company's best motormen, who has been with Rungay & Son for several months, has accepted his old position on the road and will begin running regularly, Monday.

SPINAL. Fractions easily cured by Dr. Miles' Nerve Plaster.

KILLED AND ROBBED HER FATHER
A Sixteen Year Old Girl's Horrible Crime—Mother and Sweetheart Aided and Abetted.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LITTLE ROCK, March 9.—Sixteen year old Sadie Storer is in jail at Huntsville, together with her sweetheart and mother charged with the murder of her father, A. M. Storer.

Store came to Huntsville with his daughter in a wagon. He drew some money from the bank and started home. When ten miles from town Storer was shot and killed and robbed.

The girl said her father was murdered by a highwayman but investigation showed that the girl fired the shot and that her mother and sweetheart aided and abetted the crime.

FERRYBOAT IN COLLISION.

In a Dense Fog a Long Island Ferryboat Ran into a Freight Flotilla.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The Long Island ferryboat Garden City collided with a freight float, this morning, in a dense fog. Women and men were piled together, and many were bruised. The passengers climbed ashore over canal boats.

COLLINS CONFIRMED.

Senate Committee Thinks Black's Friend Will Do for Prison Superintendent.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, March 9.—The Senate Committee on State Prisons has reported favorably the nomination of Cornelius Collins for Superintendent of State Prisons.

The nomination was confirmed by the Senate 30 to 14. Senator Tibbets strongly opposed the confirmation and voted with the Democrats against it.

THE SENATE WAS UNANIMOUS.

Passed the \$50,000,000 Defence Bill Without Debate, All Voting Aye.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Senate by an unanimous vote passed, to-day, the \$50,000,000 defence bill without debate. Seventy-six Senators voted in the affirmative.

SHERIFF MARTIN NOT GUILTY.

He and His Deputies Acquitted of the Latimer Shooting.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WILKESBARR, March 9.—The jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the shooting of strikers at Latimer, has returned a verdict of not guilty.

UNEASINESS IN CHINA.

Three Russian War Ships Have Arrived at Hong Kong.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HONG KONG, March 9.—Russian war ships, Sissoi, Voliky and Navarino have arrived here. The political situation in the far east is causing uneasiness among the population of this port.

TO SEIZE A CHINESE PORT.

English Fleet May Soon Make a Decisive Move.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MANCHESTER, March 9.—The *Guardian* says a rumor reaches here which is considered trustworthy, that within the next few days the British fleet will take possession of one of the Chinese ports.

THE MONTGOMERY AT HAVANA.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, March 9.—The cruiser Montgomery arrived here this morning.

THE ANDREWS OPERA COMPANY

The Old Favorite "Martha" to Be Sung, Friday Evening.

The opera, "Martha," which will open the engagement of the Andrews Opera Company, Friday evening, has been a favorite for a half century. It has a number of choice lyrics that are known the world around. The famous second act has been a favorite with many of the greatest singers. "The Lost Rose of Summer," "Like a Dream," the market chorus, the duet, "Well What Then?" are some of the noted numbers in "Martha." For the past two seasons "Martha" has been given with great success by the Andrews Opera Company and will serve as a worthy introduction to the Middle-town musical people.

TRACTION COMPANIES EARNINGS

Report for the Quarter Ended December 31st Last.

The regular quarterly report of the Middletown-Goshen Traction Company for the quarter ending Dec. 31, has been filed with the State Railroad Commission. The report for this quarter and the corresponding quarter of last year shows:

Gross earnings \$9,293 \$8,480
Operating expenses 9,481 8,775
Net loss 272 205

Total income 136 278

Gross loss 138 26

Fixed charges 6,147 5,600

Interest 189

Total 18,640 15,758

Less taxes 1,000 1,000

Less insurance 600 600

Less depreciation 1,000 1,000

Less other expenses 1,000 1,000

Less net 6,125 5,200

We Have Just Finished Our
25th Year in Rx-
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We have been fairly prosperous, and have always aimed to give a dollar's worth of goods for \$1, but we are persuaded that the average buyer is to-day looking for a \$1.25, \$1.50 or even \$2 worth for \$1 in cash, and we have decided to run our business on this plan during 1898. Our first onslaught will be on our Silver Plated Department.

100 dozen Rogers' Triple Plated Knives and Forks at \$2.98 per dozen.

1,000 dozen extra or Double or Triple Plate Tea, Desert and Table Spoons at prices never before heard of. Come quick!

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This means Nature's Sarsaparilla Tonic. It's our own make—Every one of its many ingredients carefully examined, weighed and measured, and then correctly treated in our own Laboratory to obtain a perfect medicinal product, therefore we say it's the best in the market—no dollar Sarsaparilla can excel it.

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ALL OF OUR FURNITURE, CAR-PETS AND CROCKERY

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—Pocketbook lost. Reward offered.
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—Nature's Sarsaparilla Tonic 75¢ a bottle at
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—Dress goods and remnants cheap at Geo. B.
Adams & Co.'s.
—Baby carriage \$3.50. See adv.
—Boy wanted to assist in painting.
—"Why we are always busy." See price in
Geo. Davis' adv.
—Eight-room house to let.
—Opera meeting Wm. Jackson, W. R. C.
—All the daily papers at McMonagle & Co.'s.
—Vegetable seeds at F. M. Probst's.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Plato's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—Gorton's Minstrels at the Casino, to-night.

—Stiftungsfest at Maumerchor Hall, to-night.

—Port Jervis will hold its charter election March 29th.

—It is expected that the Wallkill hat works will start up Monday.

—If you are fond of good singing go to the Casino, to-night, and hear Gorton's Minstrels.

—Archdeacon Thomas, of Highland Falls, will preach at Grace Church to-night at 7:30.

—A dog was run over by a train at the North street crossing, Tuesday night, and instantly killed.

—See "Little Miss Muffet" and "Boy Blue," at St. Paul's Church, Friday evening. Admission ten cents.

—Gorton's minstrels gave a performance at the State Hospital, this afternoon, by request of Mr. Lea.

—The Andrews Opera Company, which appears in this city Friday and Saturday evenings, is in Kingston to-day and Thursday.

—The Newburgh basket ball team will play the 24th team, to-night, at the armory. This team defeated the Tenth, team a few night ago.

—Newburgh's water debt amounts to \$450,750 and the annual interest charge is \$17,090. Water is supplied to 4,427 buildings in the city.

—Don't forget the Junior Epworth League entertainment, Friday evening, at St. Paul's Church. You will be sorry if you do. Admission only ten cents.

—Don't fail to hear the very interesting geography lessons, both primary and senior classes, Friday evening, at St. Paul's M. E. Church. Admission ten cents.

—Miss Sadie McLean, the popular milliner who was formerly in business at North and King streets, left, to-day, for Paterson, where she will make her home in future.

—The masquerade ball which is under the management of Billy Allison, and which will take place St. Patrick's Day, at the Casino, promises to be one of the best of its kind held here in a long time.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Lena Lewis is visiting in New York city.

—Mrs. Murray Kay, of Kingston, is visiting in this city.

—Miss Flora Cordiner is now with the Geisha company in Michigan.

—Miss Pearl Corwin went to New York City, to-day, to visit Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hartford.

—Frank Williams, of Poughkeepsie, was in town, yesterday, visiting friends.

—Miss Jennie Hallock, who has been visiting in town, returned to Paesie, to-day.

—James Hackett, of Jersey City, who has been spending several days in this city, returned home, to-day.

—Miss Ella Barberi, who has been the guest of Mrs. Grant, at Bloomingburgh, left, to-day, for Brooklyn.

—A. M. Bayea, of Rye, N. Y., a former resident of Florida, was in town, to-day, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Little.

—Charles DeKay, of Montgomery, who formerly conducted a grocery at North and King streets, was in town, to-day.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett, the former of the Port Jervis Gazette, went to New York City, to-day, for a few days' visit.

—Miss Rilla Mac Pherson, of Brooklyn, who has been spending a week with relatives near this city, returned home, this afternoon.

—Mrs. Joseph Penney, of Wickham avenue, has returned from a two weeks' visit with her friend, Mrs. Geo. A. Rogers, of Stamford, Conn.

—Mrs. Bailey, wife of a well known physician of Bloomingfield, N. J., who has been the guest of Mrs. B. S. Keele, returned home Tuesday.

—Hon. O. B. Wheeler, who, despite his many years in vigorous and active both bodily and mentally, returned to his home in this city, Tuesday, after a visit to his former home at Oakland Valley, where he was looking after his business interests.

—The Chester correspondent of the Goshen Independent says: Miss Fannie Marvin, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her cousin, Misses Anna and Ruth Wood. The same paper's Sugar Loaf correspondent says: Miss McLaury, of Middletown, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this place.

OFF FOR THE KLODIAKE.

Ex-Policeman Timothy Walsh and his father-in-law, John McConnell, formerly of this city, and of late of Brooklyn, started, to-day, for the Klondike gold regions.

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"TIM" TAYLOR AND THE VETERAN

THE OLD MAN WAS FINALLY LOCKED UP, but Tim is Wiser and Smarter Than Doing the Town With Tim.

An old veteran from Unionville was in town, to-day, and he had money. A well known character named "Tim" Taylor formed his acquaintance and started in to show him the various saloons. After making several stops, which affected his gait, the veteran became "buggy" and he balked. Then "Tim" started to haul him by main force through North street, from King to Orchard. Theo he finally started back and when "Tim" had hauled him halfway through King street he had thrown the old fellow several times.

Officer Vail finally appeared on the scene and "Tim" dusted, while the old fellow was locked up to dream over the scenes of '61 and the trials and tribulations of '98.

Of course, it was rough on the old fellow to be locked up and it will be rougher still if he has to pay a fine, but it's better and a great deal cheaper than doing the town under Tim Taylor's tutelage.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

ERIE BRAKEMAN CHARLES DECKER RECEIVED FATAL INJURIES AT WHITE BRIDGE

Charles Decker, an Erie freight brakeman, was struck by the Orange County Express, Tuesday night, at White Bridge, and received injuries which resulted fatally. Decker was not known by local railroad men. His home was in Port Jervis and he was a single man.

William Johnson, of this city, was on the train and saw the accident.

Decker jumped from a car of his train, which was lying in Collins' switch to allow east bound No. 22 to pass. When it passed he hurried around the end and stepped directly in front of the Orange County Express. He lived until the Guyard station was reached.

TO-DAY'S FUNERALS.

MRS. JAMES LITTLE, MRS. POLLARD AND MR. AND MRS. BUNTING'S CHILD BURIED.

Rev. Dr. Charles Beattie conducted funeral services over the remains of Mrs. James Little, at her late home, No. 15 Mulberry street, this afternoon. Burial was in Hillside, the bearers being her nephews, John McWilliams, W. E. McWilliams, Charles Little and Archibald Little.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. William Pollard were held at St. Joseph's Church, this morning at 10:30. There was a large attendance.

Funeral services over the remains of Gladys Estella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bunting, were conducted by Rev. Frank A. Heath at the bereaved home at Wells and California avenues, this afternoon, at 1 o'clock. Burial was in Hillside.

IT WAS NOT SUICIDAL.

COLORED MAN WHO ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD TAKEN LAUDANUM MEANT APPLE JACK.

A colored man living on Henry street went home, Tuesday night, and throwing himself on a sofa, announced that he had taken laudanum. Dr. Schultz was summoned, but on examination he informed the patient that he was drunk. The latter wanted to fight the doctor at once and Dr. Schultz notified Officer Faulkner at once, who went to the house to find that the man had disappeared.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

ELISHA WHITE AND FRANK PRINTER RE-TAILED UPON THE POLICE FORCE.

Mayor Mance, to-day, announced that he would appoint Special Officer Frank Priner to succeed himself on the police force, and would appoint Elisha White to succeed William Ballantine, who has been a special. The latter appointment takes effect March 17th.

MAINE MONUMENT SUBSCRIPTIONS

MAJOR MANCE WILL ACT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mayor Mance has consented to accept the position of chairman of a committee to receive subscriptions for the proposed monument to the Maine victims, started by the New York Journal. The mayors of nearly all cities have accepted similar assignments.

MEETING OF MILK PRODUCERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

About twenty representatives of station unions attended the meeting held in Goshen, Saturday, to choose delegates to represent the Erie section at a meeting to be held in New York, March 11th, to complete the permanent organization of the Five States' Milk Producers' Association.

DEATH OF A BROTHER OF NAZARETH.

Rev. George C. Betts, of Goshen, officiated Saturday, at the funeral of Father Jennings, at Verbank, Dutchess county. The deceased, who was one of the Brothers of Nazareth, had resided for several years at their Priory Farm at Verbank, but died in St. Luke's Hospital in New York city.

BARING ON THE COUNTY CLERK'S AND SHERIFF'S SALARY BILL.

Assemblyman Schultz writes the Argus that March 15th is set down for a final hearing for Assembly bills, Nos. 579 and 767, in relation to making the County Clerk's and Sheriff's offices of Orange county salaried offices.

ON THE SOCIAL WORKS.

Mrs. H. K. Wilcox is entertaining a number of young ladies at whist, this afternoon.

WILL PLAY THE ASYLUM AGAIN

THE 24th'S GENERAL ATHLETIC COMMITTEE RE-MEETED AS SOON AS THE GAME WAS BROKEN OFF.

The harmony which used to exist between the 24th Athletic Association and the State Hospital base ball team seems to be at an end, though it is to be hoped that the breach is only temporary.

A game of indoor base ball was played some time ago, and the 24th team won. A second game was played and the Asylums were successful. It was claimed that the bats which the Asylums used in the second game were loaded. The Asylums team management claimed that the bats were of the regulation style, but the 24th boy-scouts to have satisfied themselves that they were not, and the feeling grew until it was felt by many that no more games should be played between the nines.

The Asylums, however, are anxious to play the third and probably deciding game, and the question was brought up before a meeting of the athletic association which was held Tuesday night, after the drill.

The game was agreed upon by a small majority of members voting, and the general committee of the Athletic Association, consisting of Corporal Millsbaugh, Musician Rose, Corporal Decker and Private Luther Vail resigned. Sergt. Nickinson, who is also a member of the committee, was not present. The following committee was then named by the President, Lieut. Wallace: Sergt. Nickin-on, Privates Powelson, French and Robinson.

String-out rules were adopted covering the game, the date of which has not been set.

COLONY OF FLYING SQUIRRELS.

HAD TAKEN UP WINTER QUARTERS IN JOHN F. PROCTOR'S ICE HOUSE.

Luke DeGroot, while walking about John F. Proctor's at Mountain Lake, a mile or so from Greycourt, heard a strange noise in the siding of the building and on investigating found it alive with flying squirrels. He captured thirteen of them and a number of others escaped. Flying squirrels are seldom seen hereabouts and even old hunters cannot explain how the colony came to take up quarters for the winter in an ice house.

OBITUARY.

MRS. HARRIET H. TURNER.

Mrs. Harriet H. Turner died yesterday, at her home in Cornwall, N. Y., aged seventy-eight years. Mrs. Turner was one of four sisters of Colonel James Duncan, who was commander of the United States flying artillery in the Mexican War.

24th DRILLED IN BATTALION FORMATION.

The regular drill of the 24th company was in battalion formation, as in field service, Tuesday night. Capt. McIntyre commanded, and Assistant Surgeon Ashley acted as adjutant, the three companies being commanded by the three remaining Lieutenants. The seating capacity of the armory was strained.

ORDERED TO REPORT AT THE NORFOLK NAVY YARD.

Henry Castle, who has been employed in the Brooklyn navy yard and who has been spending a few days in this city, received orders, Tuesday, to report at the Norfolk navy yard at once. Mr. Castle started for Norfolk on Erie train 2, Tuesday afternoon.

MEMORIAL DAY APPROPRIATIONS.

Governor Black has signed chapter 36, Mr. Greenwood's bill, authorizing town boards to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50 for the observance of Memorial Day. Heretofore a vote of the electors of a town was required to make such an appropriation.

WILL PROBABLY RETURN BY WAY OF PARIS AND LONDON.

G. H. Iseman has written his parents as he was starting for Naples that he expects to sail for home from Southampton, March 30. He will stop at Paris and London, en route.

CAUGHT A FINE LOT OF PERCH.

W. H. Davenport and Fred B. Wood caught a fine lot of perch in the Wallkill River, Tuesday afternoon, and several Middletowners breakfasted upon them, to-day.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

First Meeting of the New Board - Organization Deferred Until the Annual Meeting in April - Temporary Committee Named and Routine Business Transacted.

The Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting, last night. It was the first meeting of the new Board and all the new members, R. M. Cox, Dr. D. B. Hardenburgh and J. B. Swalm, were present as were also Messrs. Martin, Finn, Powelson and Hanford and Supt. Tuthill.

Although this was the first meeting of the new Board, the special act under which Middletown's schools are organized provides that the annual meeting for the organization of the Board shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April, and therefore the election of a president was deferred until that time.

C. W. Martin was made chairman *pro tem*.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Finn, Swalm and Hanford as auditing committee for the meeting.

The chairman was authorized to sign drafts for the bills audited and drafts for this month's pay roll.

The following bills were audited:

D. C. Dusenberry & Son.....	\$ 2 75
Carson & Towner, muslin.....	75
Gas Co., for engine.....	31 05
Gas Co., library.....	3 86
Roson Hose Co., hose for High School.....	175 22
C. B. Wilkes & Co., wood.....	3 00
Boyce & Mapes, coal.....	24 43
J. V. Sulzbaugh & Co.....	23 32
A. E. McIntyre, binding.....	6 50
Baker & Taylor, books.....	60 27
G. A. Swalm & Son.....	81 63
Prang Educational Co.....	3 00
T. A. March, census.....	6 75
C. Z. Taylor, labor.....	16 00
Char. Besden, gas.....	4 80
Ginn Co., text books.....	18 75
L. S. & J. B. Stevens printing.....	27 25
J. F. Tuthill, dist.....	18 34
E. E. Coupling, insurance.....	3 75
Free Christian Church, rent.....	45 00
Matthew & Co., mats.....	1 40
G. T. Townsend, expressage.....	20 46
Case & Taylor, insurance.....	5 00
L. V. Sinsabaugh & Co., lumber.....	62 09
D. A. Ketcham, coal.....	267 12
A. E. McIntyre, draft book.....	16 85
C. Macardell, Jr.....	24 00
J. B. Swalm.....	2 25
C. E. Crawford, rollers.....	1 01
American Book Co.....	21 60
W. D. Olney.....	2 65
Millspaugh Hardware Co.....	1 86
Library supplies.....	10 80
Total.....	\$1,012 01

The president *pro tem* and clerk were empowered and authorized to sign a draft to James H. Conkling when the Building Committee has certified his bill as correct.

Adjourned.

GETS ALL THAT IT WANTS.

Port Jervis Trustees Grant a Light and Power Franchise to the Street Railroad Company.

The trustees of Port Jervis, Monday night, granted a franchise to the Port Jervis Light and Power Company, the parties interested in which are the same as those interested in the street railway company. The company proposes to put in a first-class plant and to furnish power at low rates for commercial and manufacturing purposes and on the plea that it would attract manufacturers and help build up the village, it got all that it asked for from the trustees, and few conditions were imposed.

Promises to Be a Well Attended Meet. ing.

The meeting of the lot owners in Hillside Cemetery at John L. Wiggins' office, to-morrow night, promises to be very largely attended, for there are a great many people who are vitally interested in the future of the cemetery and its proper maintenance.

Notice to Advertisers in Erie Summer Homes.

All advertisements for boarders in the Erie's "Summer Homes" book for 1898 must be in the hands of the agents of that company not later than Monday, March 14, which is the last date that such advertisements can be filed. 2t

Will Announce the Committees, To-night.

The Common Council will hold a meeting, to-night at which President Thorne will announce his committee. One thing is certain, that Alderman Hirst will again stand at the head of the fire committee.

An Unsuccessful Will Contest.

Surrogate Howell admitted to probate, Tuesday, the will of the late Mrs. Gillespie, of Newburgh, which bequeathed her estate to W. L. Laurin, a young machinist who lived near her. The will was contested by relatives of the deceased living at Walden.

Roads Still Blocked With snow.

Some of the roads running north and south, and which, but little traveled, were not opened after they had drifted full of snow, are still impassable and are full of snow almost to the fence tops.

To Connect Orange Farm and Florida by Telephone.

Frank T. Smith and a force of men will begin, to-morrow, the erection of a telephone line from Florida to Orange Farm.

Years of suffering relieved in a night. Itching piles yield at once to the curative properties of Doan's Ointment. Never fail. At any drug store, 50 cents.

"I suffered for months from sore throat Electric Oil cured me in twenty-four hours." M. A. Gist, Haweaville, Ky.

THE DAWN OF WOMANHOOD.

Earnest Words From Mrs. Pinkham to Mothers Who Have Daughters, and a Letter From Mrs. Dunmore, of Somerville, Mass.

The advent of womanhood is fraught with dangers which even careful mothers too often neglect.

One of the dangers to a young woman is belated menstruation. "The lily droops on its stem and dies before its beauty is unfolded;" or she may have entered into the perfection of womanhood with little apparent inconvenience or disorder of health. But suddenly the menses entirely cease.

Mother, pubic malady is taking hold of your daughter, and quick consumption may follow! Take instant steps to produce regular menstruation.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is certain to assist nature to perform her regular duties, procure it at once; there are volumes of testimony from grateful mothers who have had their daughters' health restored by its use. If personal advice is desired, write quickly to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. It will be given you without charge, and it will be the advice of abundant experience and success.

Read the following from Mrs. Charles Dunmore, 102 Fremont St., Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass.:

"I was in pain day and night; my doctor did not seem to help me. I could not seem to find any relief until I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for a few months, and am now all right. Before that I took morphine pills for my pains; that was a great mistake, for the relief was only momentary and the effect vile. I am so thankful to be relieved of my sufferings, for the pains I had were something terrible."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; a Woman's Remedy for Women'sills

WHAT MAKES A TRAMP?

A Measure That Defines Just What a Tramp Is.

The Assembly has passed Mr. Nixon's bill defining a tramp as a person not blind, over sixteen years of age, and who has not resided in the county in which he may be at any time prior thereto, who,

1. Not having visible means to maintain himself, lives without employment; or

2. Wanders abroad and begs, or goes from door to door, or places himself in the streets, highways or public places to beg or receive alms; or

3. Wanders abroad and lodges in taverns, groceries, ale houses, watch or strait houses, market places, sheds, stables, barns or uninhabited buildings, or in the open air, and does not give a good account himself.

Gorton's Minstrels Arrive in Town.

Gorton's crack minstrels arrived in town on the S. and W., this morning, about thirty strong. They played at Belvidere, Tuesday night. The band gave a fine purse and concert at noon and will play again in front of the Casino, to-night.

Turf and Horse Notes.

—At Moodna Farm in the town of New Windsor, William Harris has a stable containing about twenty trotters, mostly young horses in process of development. They are being trained by Frank Butler, who for a time had charge of C. H. Beale's horses.

A Pleasant Duty.

"When I know anything worthy of recommendation I consider it my duty to tell it," says Rev. Jas. Murdoch, of Hamburg, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Cataract Powder has cured me of Cataract of five years standing. It is certainly magical in its effects. The first application benefited me in five minutes. I would not be without it in the house." Mrs. F. Koehler, 141 Middleton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills.

Builds up the system, puts pure, rich blood in the veins; makes men and woman strong and healthy—Burden Blood Bitters. At any drug store.

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Middletown postoffice for the week ending March 7th:

LADIES.

Craune, Mrs. Annie

Green, Mrs. Lucy

Mapes, Misses

Miller, Mrs. Josie

GENTLEMEN.

Pote, Jr. Geo. D.

Choff, Charles

Dante, W. F.

Dugg, Anna

Gra, A. G.—2

Haskett, Dr. E. W.

Lothrop, A. S. B.

Mills, Chas. B.

Cooley, S.

Choff, John

Sloan, L. C.

Talmage, James

Vernon, Sidney

Wood, C. E.

Williams, B.

Wilson, And. W.

C. L. Elwood, P. M.

Fully stored.

"My daughter had no appetite and became very thin. I began giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla. After she had taken one bottle her appetite was fully restored. We are now never without Hood's in the house. It has been of great benefit to me." Mrs. F. Koehler, 141 Middleton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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